GOVERNMENT OF INDIA SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2546 ANSWERED ON:05.08.2015 Awareness Programmes about Food Safety Interventions M. Smt. Vasanthi

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has any plan to implement any awareness programmes about food safety interventions for women including in packaged food-based microenterprises;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and action taken by the Government thereon; and

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(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

- (a) Yes, Madam
- (b) The Ministry implements variety of mass scale field awareness programmes such as exhibitions, lectures, demonstrations, etc on issues related to food, nutrition, food hygiene and safety related aspects. The Ministry has been involved in organization of awareness programmes on food safety in the 12th Five Year Plan for varied target groups including women. Under the rural development activity, focus was on empowering women with entrepreneurship skills in the area of food sector.

Information Educational & Communication (IEC) materials on create scientific aptitude, hygiene awareness amongst food handlers, vendors and community at large were prepared and disseminated. Besides these, a kit has been developed for detection of adulterants in food stuffs especially milk, oil and spices. Three training programmes were conducted on food safety at the Central Food Technological Research Institute(CFTRI), Mysore. The Ministry catalyzed and supported broadcast through 15 community radio stations in Bhopal, Khandwa, Delhi, Sonepat, etc on issues related to food safety and nutrition. Awareness programmes for preparation of value added products from locally available fruits & vegetables, their packaging, safe storage and quality control were organized.

(c) Does not arise.